

Annual K-3 Class Size Survey Part II - District and Charter School Waivers and Disposition

2019-2020 School Year

(14 districts and 15 charter schools subject to this requirement)

District	Did you meet the classroom size req. defined by §§1705A, Title 14 Del. C?	If no, did your board vote to waive this requirement?	Late enrollment of new students	Physical space limitations	Teacher salary costs	98% rule	Desire to allocate units to other positions	Full-Day kindergarten	Balancing enrollments in higher grades	Parents resistance to changing child's teacher
Academy of Dover	Yes									
Alonso	Yes									
Appoquinimink	No	Yes	Very	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Very	Somewhat	Very	Very
Aspira Academy	Yes									
Brandywine	Yes									
No Waiver requested for the 2019-2020 school year.										
Caesar Rodney	Yes									
Campus Community	Yes									
Cape Henlopen	Yes									
Capital	Yes									
Charter of New Castle	No	Yes	Somewhat	Very	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Somewhat
As noted in previous submission, balancing our class size can be attributed to many things such as late enrollment and applicants who forfeit their place at the start of the school year. The most important reason when requesting a waiver is managing parent expectations while also offering a productive learning environment. Parents would prefer to keep their child with their original placement class/teacher. At our school, we are often in favor of prioritizing the teacher/ student relationship which allows the student to remain in the original class placement vs. removing. This experience has been more beneficial to the student and their families.										
Christina	No	Yes	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Somewhat	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All
Colonial	No	Yes	Not At All	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Not At All
There are several factors that played into the decision by our school board to pass the class size waiver.										
East Side	Yes									
First State Montessori	Yes									
Gateway Lab	Yes									
Indian River	No	Yes	Very	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All
Kuumba	No	Yes	Somewhat	Not At All	Somewhat	Don't know	Somewhat	Not At All	Not At All	Somewhat

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Lake Forest	No	Yes	Very	Not At All	Not At All	Somewhat	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All
The highest ratio in the District for K-3 is 1:24										
Laurel	No	Yes	Very	Not At All	Not At All	Somewhat	Don't know	Not At All	Somewhat	Not At All
Board of Education voted to approve waiver on 11/20/2019										
Milford	No	Yes	Somewhat	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Not At All	Somewhat	Somewhat
MOT	Yes									
Newark Charter	No	Yes	Not At All	Somewhat	Not At All	Not Applicable	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All
Newark Charter School's Board approved the Class Size Waiver for FY 20. Waiver needed due to enrollment numbers and space needed.										
Odyssey Charter	No	Yes	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Somewhat	Not At All	Very	Somewhat
Providence Creek	No	Yes	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Not At All	Very
This waiver was approved at the November 21, 2019 Board Meeting.										
Red Clay	Yes									
Seaford	No	Yes	Somewhat	Not Applicable	Somewhat	Very	Somewhat	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
The Board of Education has approved both a waiver for class-size and for the 98% rule. An additional burden is with the \$600,000+ give back to the State. 5.5. Division I units are part of the District's give back.										
Smyrna	No	Yes	Somewhat	Somewhat	Not At All	Somewhat	Somewhat	Not At All	Somewhat	Somewhat
The district examined several options that were available to meet the class size requirement. It was determined the impacts of these options were not in the best interest of our students and their families. 1) Placing additional students in co-teaching classrooms would increase the class sizes of our neediest students diminishing our ability to provide differentiated instruction; 2) changing the classroom assignment of students during the year would disrupt the student/teacher relationships that have been created and 3) eliminating a parent's ability to choose their child's teacher would decrease family involvement in the educational process.										
Thomas Edison	Yes									
Woodbridge	No	Yes	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Not At All	Somewhat	Somewhat	Not At All